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In re

Patent Application of

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“VALVE-OPERATING LEVER”

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication responds to the Office action dated December 8, 2004 and to the Advisory Action dated March 1, 2005. Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with this Response. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.